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INTO THE MOLD (AMENDED)**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and § 1.98, Applicant herewith makes of record the following publications which may be material during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application:

Swiss Publication No. CH 661 883 A, published August 31, 1987, including English abstract;

French Publication No. FR 2 665 654 A, published February 14, 1992, including English abstract;

*German Publication No. DE 43 10 755 A1, published October 6, 1994, including English abstract;

*German Publication No. DE 199 14 830 A1, published October 5, 2000,
including English abstract;

*European Publication No. EP 1 046 444 A1, published October 25, 2000,
including English abstract;

Swiss Publication No. 690 753 A, published January 15, 2001, including English
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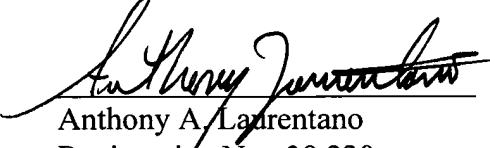
*“Moderne Drukgußfertigung” by Dipl. Ing. Ernst Brunhuber, 1974 Fachverlag
Schiele & Schön GMBH, pp. 137 and 169.

These references were cited in an International Search Report in the corresponding International patent application PCT/DE01/02486 and in the examination procedure of the parent German patent application, DE 100 33 166 A1. Since three (3) of the foregoing publications and search report have previously been transmitted to all the designated Offices by the International Bureau, Applicant does not enclose copies of those publications herewith. Applicant, however, encloses copies of the four publications marked with an asterisk (*) that were cited in the examination of the corresponding German patent application. Applicant also encloses English abstracts for all publications cited. A reproduction of PTO Form 1449 accompanies this statement.

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